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1. The Military Engineering Works at Sofia (Voenna Engineerna Fabrika), a munitions factory and steel mill, is the largest of its kind in Bulgaria. The assembly section (known as Lagues) is near the Macedonia Boulevard. It manufactures motorcycles, automobiles, tanks, and tractors.
2. The Military Factory at Sopot makes every type of small arms ammunition up to 10 mm. caliber. It also manufactures tractors and vehicles.
3. The Military Factory at Kazanluk consists of three plants; the first produces ammunition for every type of armament; the second makes chemical gas and welding implements, and clothing for protection against gas; and the third manufactures aircraft. The machinery came from abroad. This factory has been nationalized by the Communist regime.
4. Powder and combustible material factories are located at Kostenets-Bania, at Gabrovo, and in the village of Stonita near Sevlievo.
5. Factories for the construction of railroad coaches are located near Drenovo, in northern Bulgaria, and near Varna.
6. Factories for making military uniforms are located at Gabrovo (two), and at Gorna Bania. The latter makes material for officers uniforms and blankets for the army. There is also a branch for shoes.
7. Metal works are located at Sofia, Plovdiv, Sliven, Pernik, Samokov, Burgas, Varna (the largest), Pleven, Ruse and Dimitrovgrad.
8. A fertiliser plant is located at Dimitrovgrad (called Fabrika Za Asotni Totoves).
9. There are about 150 textile mills in Bulgaria; the important ones are located at Gabrovo (25 mills with a total of 30,000 workers), Ruse, Sliven, Varna, Plovdiv, Sofia, Pleven, Troyan, Turnovo, Gorna Orehovitsa, Kyustendil, Stara Zagora, Burgas and Mesdra.
10. Tobacco plants are located at Vidin, Pleven, Gorna Orehovitsa, Ruse, Shumen, Varna, Burgas, Stara Zagora, Plovdiv, Sofia, Cherven Breg and Vratsa.

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11. Sugar plants are located at Sofia, Plovdiv, Burgas, Ruse, Gorna Orehovitsa, and Pleven.
12. Machine factories are located at Sofia, Pleven, Ruse, Plovdiv, Stara Zagora, and Varna. The Miculhar factory at Ruse was built by the Germans and manufactures harvesting machinery.
13. Electrical appliance factories are located at Sofia, Plovdiv, Stara Zagora, Varna, Burgas, Ruse, Gabrovo, Pleven, and Sliven.
14. Plywood factories are located at Teteven (two factories), Troyan, Gabrovo, Turnovo, Varna, Burgas, Stara Zagora, Plovdiv, and Sofia.
15. Glass and porcelain factories are located at Sofia, Pernik, Plovdiv, Stara Zagora, Varna, Ruse, the village of Gebetche, the area of Varna, and Pleven.
16. Tanneries are located at Gabrovo, Turnovo, Lovech, Troyan, Sliven, Ruse, Gorna Oryakhovitsa, Stara Zagora, Plovdiv, and Sofia.
17. Rubber manufacturing factories are located at Sofia (the Bakish factory, making tires), at Pernik (called Bratia Radevi), and at Pleven, Shumen, and Gabrovo.

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